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August 16, 2013

Terry Wolterstorff, Director
Public Works Department
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Dear Mr. Wolterstorff:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. is in receipt of your letter dated August 13, 2013 concerning the water line corrosion at 1905 38th Street. Your letter assumes the damage was caused by MDU's anode bed.

We currently have twenty-two (22) anode beds throughout Rapid City. Some have been in place for more than 70 years. This would be the one and only event ever brought to our attention in all those years where a Montana-Dakota anode bed was alleged to have or contributed to cause a premature failure of a water service line.

Although there may be documented instances of anode beds on Cathodic Protection Systems causing such damage in other locations, they are extremely rare. Montana-Dakota therefore does not accept responsibility for the damaged water line without clear documentation establishing a causal connection.

All Montana-Dakota underground facilities, including its anode beds, are disclosed through the South Dakota One Call process. However, to comply with your request for assurance, attached is a map identifying the site of all our Cathodic Protection System anode beds located throughout Rapid City. The map shall serve as notification of the location of our anode beds for future considerations by the city.

Anode beds will continue to be located and marked through South Dakota One Call as underground facilities, but in addition, the City now has our anode beds specifically identified for its use in future water main extension projects.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Dishon', is written over a horizontal line.

Jim Dishon, Director
MDU Black Hills Region

Cc: MDU Legal Department